GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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ETHANOL BLENDING DEPOT AT KAKINADA
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether to popularize the use of Ethanol as a fuel for blending with petrol/diesel the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government for sanction of a blending depot at Kakinada and permitting percentage of blending of Ethanol to at least 10%; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs (SHR SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (b) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh had initially requested for launching of ethanol-gasoline pilot project at Kakinada. However, as the oil companies do not have petrol storage at Kakinada, the State Government subsequently requested a change of location to Rajahmundry instead of Kakinada, which has been accepted. As for permitting percentage of blending of ethanol to at least 10%, a proposal was received by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution from the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh to allow admixture of absolute alcohol to an extent of 20% in petrol. A reply was sent that experiments on blending of 5% ethanol with MS are already on - as per Bureau of Indian Standards specification and for evolving new standards of blending of ethanol with MS from 5% to 10%, an Inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up.